

Dear Energy and Technology Committee members,

I am writing you today to express my sincere disappointment in bill HB 5427 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PILOT PROGRAM". This bill will continue to delay the current pilot program for Shared Solar adoption in CT, which is exactly opposite to the actions that should be taken on this matter. Even though solar energy is one of the cheapest and certainly the cleanest power option available in CT, 80% of citizens have no access do to a variety of set backs. It has been proven by numerous states throughout the country (including our neighbors Massachusetts) to be an effective solution to this access problem. Instead of continuing to delay the pilot program, shared solar should be authorized in the state in order to increase CT's stake in the growing and illustrious solar industry in addition to cementing CT's role as a climate leader in the US. Please do not pass HB 5427 and instead take an active role in progressing CT's renewable energy industry by allowing for the implementation of shared solar installations throughout the state. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,
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